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passed out to you another article about a project in Cuming County because what you're going to find in the future is that the counties have discovered a new power in this loophole and the counties are basically going to be deciding whether particular projects go or don't go, because almost any project of size requires the closing of one or more county roads. So, effectively, the law today puts power totally in the hands of the county to reject major NRD projects. Two years ago I brought a bill before the Natural Resources Committee asking them to look at the subject. That bill was signed on to by 27 senators and the Natural Resources...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...did nothing, made some suggestions with regard to better ways of doing it, including an arbitration system. I picked up on the idea of the arbitration system. I think the bill is very fairly done. The bill itself is included in the amendment that's before you right now so that you can read the bill and take a look at it. I'm open to any and all suggestions, but I hope that this body, in its broader representation, will recognize that it doesn't make sense to allow counties solely to make the decision to close down flood control recreation projects or whatever type of project an NRD may be trying to do in terms...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...of dam structures. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Beutler amendment? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Mr. Speaker, I challenge the germaneness of this amendment to this particular bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Help the Chair. What would you...what would you argue for me to consider?